

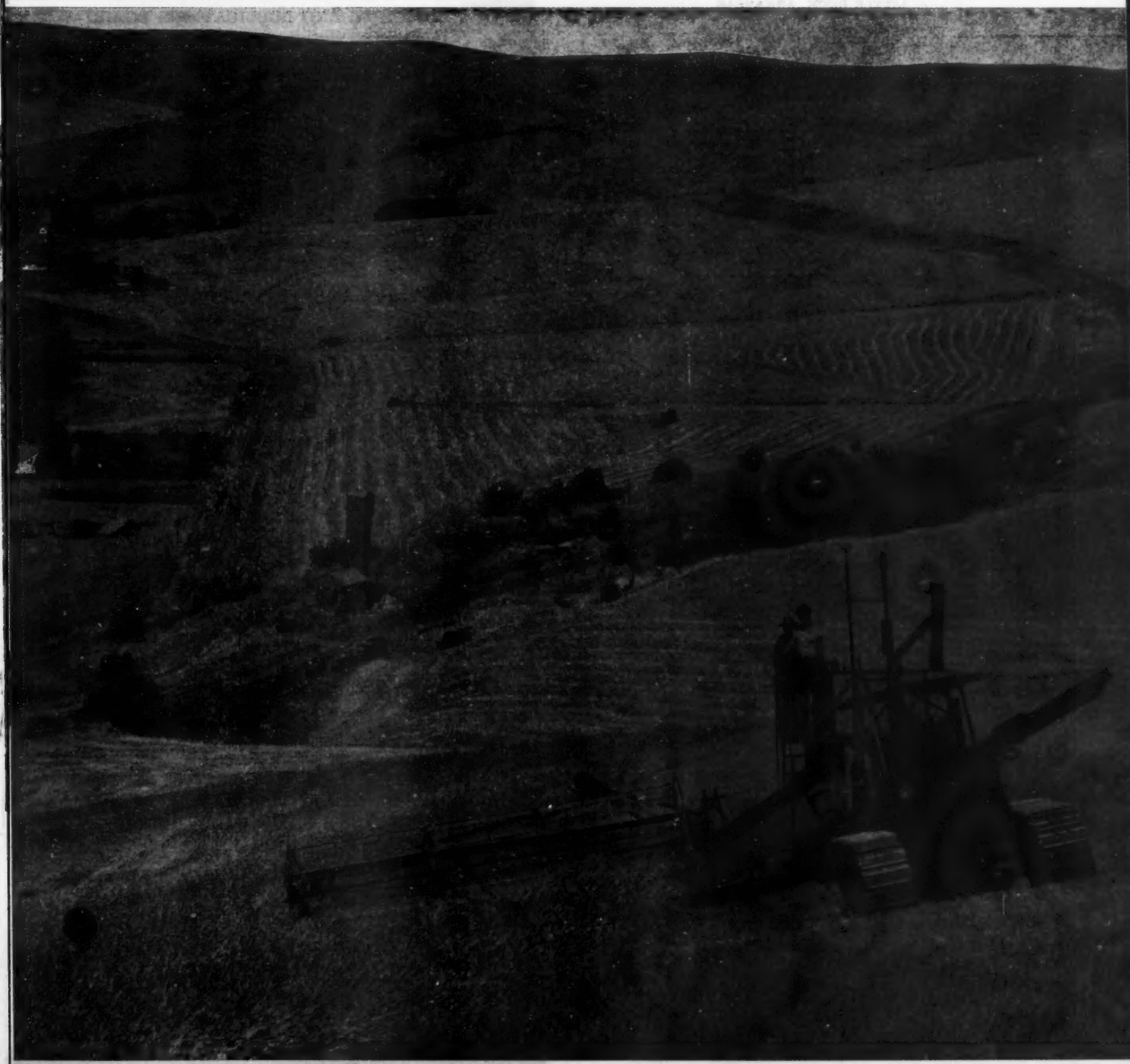
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But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you.





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# It Depends on Your Decision

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**G**OD IS SO wonderful; He loves us; He has given us so many wonderful, marvelous and beautiful things, especially, His great creation. He has given us charge over it to take care of it and to use it for our daily needs. Yet, in spite of all this, man destroys the grounds by fire, grazing of cattle, and many other careless habits. The rain falls but runs off the mountains because the top soil has been destroyed by carelessness and cannot consume the water; therefore, the mountains become bare, because trees and vegetation cannot grow on sand and rocks; they require rich soil. Also, in the event of too much rain, a flood results, and this is because the water runs down into the streams instead of seeping into the ground as it should.

This is the way many people's lives are today. God has given them everything good in life. He has given them health, finance, a home, children and supplied all the needs of this life; most precious of all, He has given His Son, Jesus Christ. Yet, in spite of all this, man puts God off until another time in his life. He goes to church and hears the Word of God. He hears the kind, gentle voice of Jesus saying, "Open the door and let me in," but he puts Him off and says, "No, you come back some other time when I want you." How often I have heard people make this remark who know that they should let Jesus come into their hearts. They keep putting the Word of God out of their minds, closing their ears to His voice, until their hearts become

hardened like a stone. They are like the soil on which the rain falls; it doesn't soak in and make new life, but flows on down the stream of filth and dirt of sin to harm and destroy others.

Their life is one that could be a blessing. Like the soil, their life could receive the water which falls, instead of letting it result in a flood of sin flowing to destroy the homes, property and lives of precious people. Do you realize that your life is a great influence, either for good or bad. Someone is watching how you live. Is your influence the right kind?

The little stream below is very clean and beautiful until the rain drains from the mountains and runs into the stream. It then becomes muddy, dirty-looking and filled with filth. So it is with a person's life. The vices of sin keep moving in and cause an overflow, which is a flood of sin that destroys homes and lives. This is the way people's lives become when they resist the Word of God and it falls on deaf ears. They go on in their sins and sometimes they can influence other clean people to join the ugly and muddy floods of sin and they in turn can destroy a whole city by their sins of alcohol, dope, murder and divorce. Do you realize that over two million crimes are committed each year? That approximately six million get divorces each year? That many, young and old alike, are becoming alcoholics and dope addicts? Yes, the flood of sin is surging through this world. It is breaking up homes, causing people's

deaths and ruining lives which could be happy if only they were surrendered to the Lord.

Stop and think a moment. Do you know where you are headed? what you are doing? what the result will be? What is your life, and what are you doing to make it worthwhile? Do you want to be happy? Of course you do, so let the water of life soak into your life and make it grow and blossom for Him. If you do not receive His Word, it will do as the water does from the barren mountain; it will run down and your life will be full of sin which will cause the flood of evil to overflow and destroy your life along with many others.

Won't you make your decision today and choose Christ as your life. He will completely satisfy your need with the water of life and will keep you fresh in your soul each day. He will make you grow and make you stronger in Him each day. On the other hand, sin is a terrible thing. It destroys everything that it touches. It makes you unhappy and miserable. What can you expect at the end of the way? "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" Romans 6:23.

We get our reward from the master we serve, according to the deeds we do. Our reward can be the receiving of Life through His Word; or because of the neglect of His Word which results in a bitter flood of sin, our reward can be damnation. What will your reward be?



# I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH

By CLEO WATTS

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"And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it," Matthew 16:18.

**T**HERE ARE THREE important things that I would like for you to understand about this sermon. All that I will say concerning the Church will come under one of these three headings:

The Church which Jesus is building is universal.

The local church is part of the over-all Church.

God put government in His Church.

Now I want to define the word *church*. Jesus did not say He would build a congregation, a society or an institution, yet it was to embody these things and more.

There were several existing religious institutions on earth when Jesus came. He came into direct contact with three strong religious groups when He made the statement, "I will build my church." They were the Pharisees, the Sadducees and the Essenes (the latter is not mentioned in the Bible). The Pharisees believed in animal sacrifices, the resurrection, angels and the coming kingdom of David. The Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection nor in angels. The Essenes were a strict religious group that was more philosophical than Biblical. They held more to the teachings of Plato and Aristotle than to those of Moses.

The Church was not a by-product of any of these religious factions. Neither was Christ a minister of any of these groups. Christ spoke not as the scribes and Pharisees, but as one having authority. He said, "I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

The word *church* means assembly yet there is a *difference* made in the kind of assembly. There are several Greek words used to define an assembly. The Greek word *ochlos* means a casual collection of people and it is translated crowd. We do not believe the Church is a casual, aimless, pur-

poseless assembly. No, not the Church Christ came to build.

There is another Greek word *panagurei* which means a festal gathering of the whole people. The Church is more than a festivity, a lemonade society or a place for entertainment to display our talents. There may be some churches like that but not the Church Christ came to build.

The word used for assembly by the religious Jews was from the Greek word *synagoge* from which we get the word *synagogue* and means a bringing together, a contracting, an assembling together of men. The Jews held that there had to be at least ten men united in a local society to make up a truly constituted synagogue. The synagogue seems to have started after the Babylonian Captivity and in the time of Christ there was a synagogue in almost every town. The synagogue was used not only for worship, but for public trials and the infliction of punishment. You may readily see why Christ did not use the word *synagogue* to describe His Church.

The word used by Christ for church is from the Greek word *ecclesia*. It is made up of two words *ek*, out from among, and *kaleos*, called ones. The full meaning of the word is a select number called out of a multitude; a gathering of duly authorized citizens for the purpose of deliberating business. This defines the church as a distinct assembly in purpose and work.

## The Universal Church

The Apostles' Creed says, "I believe in . . . the holy catholic Church." The word *catholic* means universal and does not have reference to the Roman Catholic Church. It was used by the early Christians to mean the whole body of believers all over the world.

Jesus prayed for the Church that it might be one (one body). "That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee . . . that they may be made perfect in one," John 17:21, 23. Was the prayer of Jesus answered? We are certain it was, but not in the way a lot of people imagine.



Jesus prayed for a perfect oneness. This perfect oneness could never refer to a theoretical, physical or organizational oneness. It must mean that oneness of spirit which would be realized by the Holy Ghost. "For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit," 1 Corinthians 12:13.

There was a temporary, short-lived, organizational unity perfected on the Day of Pentecost. But, alas, how short those days were.

The universal Church consists of all believers who are baptized by one Spirit into one body. This baptism is not water baptism, nor is it the baptism with the Holy Ghost but the baptism by (through the intermediate agency of) the Holy Ghost. We are placed into the body by the Holy Ghost, and not by the agency of human hands. "But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him," 1 Corinthians 12:18.

A person can be saved in a corn field, on a river bank or out in the wilderness all alone by the agency of the Holy Ghost and become a member of the body of Christ.

The membership of the body of Christ is a secret known only to God. "The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity," 2 Timothy 2:19.

God knows the names of all who are His from the foundation of the world. "Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of

the world," Acts 15:18. I used to think that God was constantly putting names in the Book of Life, and erasing when they backslide, until I read this Scripture. "And they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world," Revelation 17:8.

Just because God knows them does not mean that He autocratically determines who are to be members of the body of Christ. Knowing beforehand is not causative. The free choice of man determines his salvation and membership in the body of Christ.

I believe that when the last member is added to the body of Christ the rapture will take place, and we will be caught up into the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. The angels of heaven do not know the hour or moment when the last member will be added to make up the perfect body of Christ.

#### *Christ Is the Head of the Body, the Church*

The body of Christ and the Church are one and the same. There are some who teach that the body of Christ and the Church are distinct. I want you to read these two Scriptures carefully, "And he (Christ) is the head of the body, the church," Colossians 1:18. "And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all," Ephesians 1:22, 23. In these verses of Scripture it is stated both ways—Christ is the

head of the body which is His Church, and Christ is the head of the Church, the body. It is made very plain that they are both one and the same. So from this we learn that if a person is baptized by one Spirit into one body, he is baptized into the Church by the Holy Ghost.

Thus we conclude—

That a person becomes a member of the universal Church without the agency of human hands.

That the acceptance or the final rejection of the members of the body of Christ is wholly in the hands of God.

That every member of the body of Christ is responsible and accountable to God alone; there is no earthly vicar or mediator to approach Christ for them.

That associated with Christ the head every member of the body of Christ is dead, buried, resurrected and seated provisionally and potentially in heavenly places with Christ.

That the same life that vitalizes and energizes the head works effectually in the members to produce fruit unto God. "When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory," Colossians 3:4.

That the action of the members of the body is the purposeful working of the head, who directs their entire life according to His divine will.

That the members of the body are servants—the tools, the means of accomplishment and the handiwork of Christ the head.

## The Bible Speaks on "The Church"



Let the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation...

that the congregation of the LORD be not as sheep which have no shepherd. NUM. 27:16, 17



Gather the people, sanctify the congregation. JOEL 2:16



Hebrews 10:2.

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is.



Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it. EPHESIANS 5:25



**O**UR GREAT country abounds in shops and shoppers. New factories are being built, and production of commodities is at the highest level in history. People like to shop for new clothes, new cars, and so many commodities. It makes for sound economy in our nation. If production, which furnishes employment to our people, continues, of necessity, buying must keep pace. This is important. But there is another kind of shopping which is most important.

The Bible likens the obtaining of God's blessings to buying. In Proverbs 23:23 is this injunction, "Buy the truth, and sell it not." To buy the truth is to desire it above every-

casions. Don't sit down, but keep going and making good use of the best shoes.

Since Adam and Eve lost their robes in Eden and were found naked, God has provided the proper spiritual covering for all who will be clothed. He has the garments of salvation, which are available to all. One must be properly clothed to be admitted into heaven. Colossians 3:14 says, "Put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness." Charity is love. It is the identifying uniform of the Christian. John 13:35 says, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another." Nothing dresses one up and beau-

Many have neglected God's table and have become too weak to walk. God's Word nourishes and strengthens. 1 Peter 2:2 says, "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby." If we feed our bodies too much, or too often, we become ill. But the more often we feed our souls, and the more we feed them, the healthier we are. We need to shop for strength. God needs strong people.

People everywhere shop for happiness. Some think the acquisition of wealth will bring them happiness, but they soon discover that happiness is not to be found in this way. Others think social standing and fame will bring them happiness, but neither is this the way to obtain happiness. True and real happiness can be found only in God's storehouse. Satan deals in unhappiness, broken homes, shattered dreams, broken hearts, misery and pain. "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" Psalm 33:12. "Blessed" means happy. When anyone has the Lord, and the Lord has him, he will have true happiness. In Romans 4:7, Paul says, "Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered." Sin makes people unhappy. It destroys happiness. When sins are forgiven, the inevitable result is happiness. If a Christian fails to do his duty, he is guilty of the sin of omission and cannot be happy. To make others happy is to bring happiness to oneself. Holiness and happiness are inseparable. A sunny-faced, happy religion is the kind that is most attractive. So shop for happiness in God's Merchandise Mart—be a wise shopper.

Shop for peace. It is so good to have peace of mind and soul in a world so full of strife and unrest. The Apostle Peter says, "Seek peace, and ensue it" 1 Peter 3:11. Peace can be had as a permanent possession. What an asset such a possession is! Jesus said, "These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace" John 16:33. In Christ there is peace, peace that is found no where else. So, let us abide in Him and share this great possession together. In Phil-

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# WISE SHOPPING

By ROBERT BELL

Text: Proverbs 23:23; Isaiah 55:1; Revelation 3:18.

thing else, to accept and appropriate it to oneself and cherish it with all his heart.

Wise shoppers look for items that look good, are comfortable and durable. In Ephesians 6:15, Paul says, "And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace." The Christian life is a journey—a journey through an unfriendly world. Much of the journey is rough, so one's feet must be properly shod. The gospel meets that need. It not only saves, it protects. It provides a shoe that fits, that is comfortable, and lasts forever. People buy different kinds of shoes to wear on different occasions, but the gospel shoes are all-purpose shoes. They are good to wear on the job, at home, and on all oc-

casions. I fear we need to shop for this precious item and replenish our stock. In Revelation 2:4 this accusation is brought against the church at Ephesus: "I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love." Matthew 24:12 declares, "And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." It is not enough to talk about love; we must possess it and demonstrate it in all our activities.

We must have strength if we make this journey. We can't make it without strong, persistent effort. Daily we consume food to keep up our physical strength. Likewise, we can feed our souls at God's table, and become "strong in the Lord," and in the power of His might.



# Time

By E. E. COLEMAN

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**T**IME IS OF the essence. It may be used, abused, wasted, killed, defiled, ill-treated, injured, misemployed and violated; but it can never be taken by force. It is given of God. And since it is the stuff that life is made of, we should use it most carefully, being sure to make every minute count for eternity.

Much care should be taken to apportion time so that it will be uniformly and fairly allotted to the various duties of life, so that one will not impose on the other. Care and prudence in the use of time will help to eliminate much of the remorse and anxiety which will otherwise fall upon those who carelessly squander this precious gift of God. Many of the tears shed by the human race, since the day Eve wasted time listening to Satan, have been occasioned by the dereliction of time.

Each individual's life is one little epoch in the great dimension and magnitude of time; and time itself is only a diminutive and circumstantial point in the onward course of eternity.

Yet, we must remember that whatever station, condition, rank or position which awaits us in eternity depends entirely upon the way we use our little moment of time called life.

The properly balanced life must be made up of good habits. We

must practice the right use of time until it becomes a spontaneous action, whether it be in our social, business, spiritual or leisure life. Plan for whatever length of time that God gives you to be applied to your account in eternity. For

when all is said and done, time is going to be swallowed up of eternity.

That happy person whose time is properly apportioned may be considered a well-balanced Christian. He is acquainted with Jesus, and has tasted the love of God; he experiences the communion of the Holy Ghost; he can keep his balance when the world around him is out of kilter; he retains his equilibrium when society is reeling drunkenly on its gyromagnetic course; he recovers from deep hurt without allowing his heart to become rancid or his soul to be plagued with misanthropy; he can suffer defeat without his mind being frustrated; he can discern his own shortcomings without losing sight of his virtues. And when all around his soul, the spirit of Antichrist and satanic powers create upheaval of natural resources, subvert spiritual powers, and prostitute human endowments, yet he is in perfect peace because he has taken time to stay his mind on God.

Time Well Spent





# You Are No Stronger

## Than Your Faith

By RALEIGH D. JENKINS

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I WOULD LIKE to call your attention to one of the more profound scriptures in the entire Word of God; Hebrews 11:6 says, "But without FAITH it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." To me this is the secret of success, or the reason of defeat. Perhaps many of you remember the old adage: "A chain is no stronger than its weakest link"; regardless of how strong the other links may be and regardless how they may stand out, all of them put together are no stronger than the weakest one in the group. From that true (yet, many times hard-to-accept) saying, I have derived this proverb, and may I say it boldly: "WE ARE NO STRONGER THAN OUR FAITH IN GOD."

To make the above statement more explicit, permit me to illustrate it in this manner. The children of Israel were a people of great number when they left the land of Egypt. At first the direction of their exodus was southeast; then, all of a sudden, the guiding cloud took a course due south, along the western shores of the bitter lakes. After taking this route for four or five days, the Israelites found themselves in the extreme point of a wedge. Notice; on the one side was the wilderness; on

the other side, the Red Sea; and in front, an insuperable barrier of mountains. There was no natural egress from this cul-de-sac except they turn back on their course.

In the meanwhile, Pharaoh had recovered from his extreme alarm. No further deaths had followed the destruction of the firstborn. Perhaps, he thought, Jehovah had expended all His arrows and there was nothing more to fear from this God of the Israelites. Too, I believe he realized the great loss he and his people would sustain in the exodus of so vast a body of slaves, many of whom were killed in the arts of that age. Hearing of the change in their route, he knew that they would undoubtedly become frustrated and perplexed due to the geographical location; thus, he began his pursuit, his objective being to conquer or kill.

To help expedite matters and still come to my point (since many of you remember the narrative), permit me to sum it up in this fashion: the children of Israel turned and saw their enemy coming up from the rear; they could not turn back; they could not retreat to the mountains, for they were not mountaineers; the Red Sea was their only deliverance; and yet, what could they do with the children, livestock and the aged. May I ask how many of us, at one time or another, have been con-

fronted with a Red Sea of some description and perhaps felt as did the children of Israel—"If we had stayed in Egypt, at least we would not have this calamity facing us."

There has been, in the past years of Pentecost, a certain segment, which even today through close observation can be detected, that measures a man's position and standing with God through the outward display and manifestation of the individual rather than through his or her faith in the living God. Moses and the children of Israel could have shouted PRAISES unto God until their lungs collapsed (If I may phrase it in that manner); they could have run around in circles and stirred up enough dust to cover the entire host; but mind you, when the dust had settled and the shouts had subsided, *THE RED SEA WOULD HAVE STILL BEEN THERE, THE MOUNTAINS WOULD NOT HAVE MOVED AN INCH*, and worst of all, their adversary, Pharaoh, with his army of blood-thirsty Egyptians, *WOULD HAVE BEEN CLOSER THAN EVER BEFORE*. May I ask you what Moses did? Did he run around in circles; did he clap his hands and try to work up a shout so as to catch the eye of Jehovah-God, or did he go along with the general feeling of a confused host of people? No! A thousand times no; and please believe me, I am not trying to be impertinent, but just factual. Had Moses said at anytime that Jehovah was even one inch away from them, he would have been worse than an infidel. Notice the example of faith Moses left with us: he told the children of Israel (and we find it recorded in Exodus 14:13), "Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord. . . ." That was faith. Moses was intimately acquainted with God; in fact, his acquaintance was so personal that he knew that if Jehovah had to create a way of deliverance (in the which He did) He would do so in order to deliver His people. After telling the children to stand still, he obeyed the voice of the Lord. They went across to victory on dry ground and God took care of their enemy, after



which an ole camp meeting took place; Moses wrote a song, Aaron made a choir out of the children of Israel, and Sister Miriam and some of the other sisters in the camp began to play their timbrels (tambourines). What I am trying to say is this: Let us wait on the moving of God's Spirit, accomplish the job set before us, and the shout will take care of itself!

That man who needs something from God, whatever it may be—can he get it through people beating him on the back, shouting in his ears, etc.? The devil would have us think so; but give me workers who know the Word of God and the promises that are between its covers, and give them a chance to share those precious gems with the seeker, and I will show you a group of believers that will do something for the kingdom, after which you could not hold them down and keep them from praising God. Why? Because where there is victory, there is always a spirit of praise in the midst. But there can be no victory without faith, and you are no stronger than yours.

You may say, "I have faith." But do you? And if so, what kind do you possess? I have found in this world two types of Christians; their distinction is found in their faith. Perhaps you have thought that faith was faith, and the reason God did not answer your prayers was because of either: (a) there was something in your life that wasn't pleasing to him, or (b) maybe it pleased God to wait until a more opportune time. These have been the hinderances in some cases, but not in the majority. I agree with you that faith is faith; but have you ever stopped to consider the fact that there are two types of faith? Yes! I said two: (1) There is a *positive* faith, (2) There is a *negative* faith. I would like to go even beyond what I have just stated and say that I believe in the beginning God instilled in the hearts of men that positive faith (that faith which honors God), but through *fear* it was changed into a negative faith. Permit me to define fear and then we can move on to the two types of faith. **FEAR:** The comprehension of

some evil or danger; to comprehend is to take a mental picture of something. Therefore, fear is a mental picture of some evil or danger. (Was it not Solomon who said in Proverbs 3:25, "Be not afraid of sudden fear." He knew it would destroy a person's trust and faith in God.)

Now notice what fear will do to faith; and in doing so, fear causes faith to become negative in its essence. It (negative faith) says: "I believe God *can* move." That's good, but may I ask you *when*—yes, *when* will God move? Do you get my point? **THERE IS NO ACTION IN SUCH A STATEMENT.** Let us go a little further and hear what more it has to say: "I believe God *will* move." That is still better, isn't it. But please let me remind you—**THERE IS NO ACTION IN SUCH A STATEMENT.** God's hands are completely tied behind Him. There must be a starting place for God in everything He does, and that is where we get our **POSITIVE**

faith. It goes even beyond that of negative faith and says: "Not only do I believe God *can* and *will* move, but I **BELIEVE HE IS MOVING NOW!**" Listen . . . I can still hear it talking . . . "Even though I can't see it happening and even though I can't feel it, I believe Jehovah-God is **MOVING!**"

Everything God says in His Word is positive. When He spoke and men acted upon His Word, things took place and miracles were accomplished. In the confusion over healing on the Sabbath, Jesus said to the one with the withered hand: "Stretch forth thy hand. . . ." He did and he was made whole (Mark 3). To heal the man who was born blind, Jesus, after making spittle out of clay and anointing his eyes, told him to go wash in the pool of Siloam. The man did and was healed. **DO YOU SEE THE ACTION?** As the song writer put it so beautifully: "Faith Is the Victory." I could go on with other ac-

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PERISCOPING THE OVERCAST



"WE HAVE THEREFORE AN UNFAILING CONFIDENCE... WE GUIDE OURSELVES BY FAITH AND NOT BY EXTERNAL APPEARANCE"  
— II COR. 5:4, 7 (WYNDOUTH TRS.)



## WISE SHOPPING

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ippians 4:6, 7, Paul says, "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Shop for peace with persistent prayer, and you will certainly obtain it.

We need to shop for power, also. The early Church had power which is sadly lacking in our services. In Acts 1:8, Jesus said, "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you." Power to perform—to perform in a miraculous way—power to cast out demons and to heal the sick. The religion of Jesus Christ is a powerful religion. The Holy Ghost baptism is an endowment of power. We need to appropriate and set into action this power. It belongs in the Church. Without it, the Church is an empty, valueless institution. Paul spoke of the power and demonstration of the Holy Ghost. Power is obtained by effectual and persistent prayer. I fear we are neglecting this kind of shopping. Shouting is good, but not an evidence of power. When we have the power operating in the saving of souls, sanctifying of believers, baptizing with the Holy Ghost, and healing of the sick, we have something to shout about. The lack of unity, broken fellowship and wrangling among our people hinders the power from performing. Some have said, "The Lord led me into the church"; and then, after many years they have the inconsistency to say, "The Lord led me out." They forget that God has also said, "Submit yourselves to God," and submit "yourselves one to another in the fear of God." Submission is a beautiful, God-honoring attitude. It will channel the power of God into lives and make them potential instruments in the hands of an all-powerful, loving God. Let me exhort all of us to use the upper room more and to earnestly shop for power.

I have mentioned a few things

we can obtain in God's great storehouse. There are so many and they are so great, much could be said about them. Paul said, "For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at things that are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal." They enrich and ennoble our lives and make for our well-being in time and in eternal ages. We need to shop more for eternal things, and probably, less for temporal things. Let us be wise shoppers.

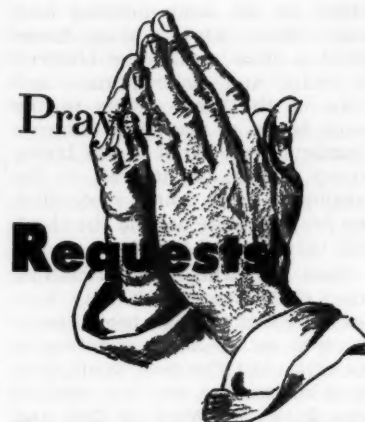
Finally, read the Bible. It is God's catalogue. It lists the many good things simply and fully describes them; It tells how to obtain them. I have missed many good things by failing to shop for them and because I failed to read the Bible as I should have. Let me exhort you to put in more time reading the Bible, and to wisely shop in God's storehouse. We can't overdo in this kind of shopping. A full supply can be obtained for all our needs. Why be spiritually poor when Jesus brought eternal riches to our door? So, shop, wisely shop in God's full store.



## YOU ARE NO STRONGER THAN YOUR FAITH

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counts from the Word of God, but let me conclude with these few words. Which will God honor first—a spoon full to the brim with positive faith or a tub full of negative faith? I know the tub full looks the strongest; and to the natural eye and ear, it looks larger and sounds louder, but God, being a just rewarder as He is, would have to honor the spoonful of ACTION-PACKED faith: "I believe God is working now!" Remember, we are all labourers together; and while we may be able to run the pews and dance up and down the aisles and laugh louder than our other brothers and sisters, when it is all boiled down and we take inventory of ourselves, we will find that we are still no stronger than our FAITH.



Pray for the healing of my body and that the Lord will help in the home of my sister.

—A sister in Christ

Pray that God will take care of me through my operation.

—Lillian Storr  
Delray Beach, Fla.

Pray for the healing of Mrs. Ruth Hartman who has a serious eye condition and for my unsaved loved ones.

—Beulah Kuykendall  
Brooklyn, Md.

Pray for the healing of my loved ones.

—A sister in Christ

Pray that God will heal my body.

—Nettie Wicker  
104 E. 1st St.  
Erwin, N. C.

Pray for a very urgent request. Also pray for my children.

—Mrs. Pearl Wood  
Rt. 1  
Walhalla, S. C.

Pray that the Lord will help in my home so that I may preach His Word as He has called me to do.

—Sister Annie Shrabale  
Leachville, Ark.

Pray that we will hear from our son and for his safe return home. Also pray for the healing of my eyes.

—Mrs. L. Goff  
Box 529  
Englewood, Fla.

Pray for the healing of my body and for the healing and salvation of my son and my other unsaved children.

—One who believes in prayer

Pray for Howard Cosby that he may be healed of leukemia. He has been sick for a long time.

—Mrs. J. T. Cosby  
Rt. 5, Box 13a  
Talladega, Ala.





# testimonies



## Holy Spirit Fills Hungry Heart

Recently I received the baptism of the Holy Ghost, after preaching in the holiness movement for twenty-five years. I am so thankful for this precious Bible experience which God gave me on June 7, 1957, while I was attending a revival which was being conducted by a prominent Pentecostal denomination.

When God filled me with the blessed Holy Ghost, I spoke in other tongues according to the Pentecostal pattern as recorded in the Book of Acts. Formerly I professed to be filled with the Holy Ghost, and thought I was, but my heart was hungry for something better than I had. I had the experience of sanctification, but I was never really satisfied until I received the baptism of the Holy Ghost and spoke in other tongues in 1957.

I was licensed as a minister twenty-seven years ago. I pastored and was a full-time evangelist, preaching from coast to coast. God blessed my ministry, saving and sanctifying souls in my meetings, but I felt a lack of the power mentioned in Acts 1:8. I yearned for

a fuller and richer ministry, but did not know where to find it until I came to the Pentecostal meetings.

I might have received this Scriptural experience sooner; but unfortunately, I had been diligently taught against the Pentecostal movement. I had been warned against speaking in tongues until I was so prejudiced I would not visit a church where they spoke in tongues. But God convicted my hungry heart through my reading of the Scriptures, especially Acts 2:4.

In hunting for a church that believed in the baptism of the Holy Ghost and speaking in tongues, I found one and began investigating. I found that the baptism of the Holy Ghost is far more than sanctification. It was with fear and trembling that I came to the meetings, but there I found a wonderful sense of the presence and power of God more than I had ever felt before. The hunger of my heart deepened, and I was assured by the Spirit of God that this was the real Bible Pentecost.

I began seeking God earnestly, praying for the glorious baptism of the Holy Ghost. God showed me that the reason I had never been baptized with the Holy Ghost in previous years of seeking was that I had rejected part of the Scriptures, due to the erroneous teaching I had received: namely, that part which has to do with speaking in tongues. But now I have learned the value of speaking in tongues. It is precious and sweet to my soul, and I have blessed communion with my Lord each day in my private devotions in this marvelous way. Thank God, the Comforter that Jesus promised has come! And since He has come to me, things have been so different. The past nearly two years have been the most glorious time in my life.

I had always wanted a witness to the baptism of the Holy Ghost as clear and as definite as the evidence of my regeneration (thirty years ago when I was saved while attending Asbury College),

and the evidence of my sanctification (received a short time later). But my teachers in the holiness movement told me I must not expect too much—I must take it by faith. But, hallelujah! when the Holy Ghost came and filled me on June 7, and I spoke in tongues, I knew He had come. The witness was clear.

For a good while, my heart had been so burdened. I kept telling the Lord how hungry I was, though I didn't really know what I was missing. I was praying earnestly for the will of God for my life and ministry, and wanted to find a church that preached the baptism of the Holy Ghost and was fully Scriptural on divine healing. (I was preaching and experiencing divine healing, but was handicapped in this ministry also where I was.) I am so thankful that God has baptized me with the Holy Ghost.

After receiving the precious baptism of the Holy Ghost, I naturally became a minister in the Pentecostal denomination where I had been filled with the Holy Ghost, and labored in the evangelistic field with them for some time. But recently God has led me to the Church of God, and my heart rejoices. I am now laboring as a full-time evangelist in the Church of God, and am happy for the privilege of working there in the ministry for God and for souls.

—Evangelist Ada E. Lear  
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Telephone 5741-R  
Johnson City, Tennessee

Sister Ada E. Lear's testimony is given in above article. She comes to us recommended by her superintendent of another Pentecostal body. She is having successful revivals in Tennessee. —W. C. Byrd  
State Overseer, Tennessee

## Granddaughter Healed of Scarlet Fever

NEW SMYRNA BEACH, Fla.—I want to sound a note of praise to our Great Redeemer for His wonderful healing power and for the way He healed my little granddaughter of scarlet fever. When the doctor said her temperature was so high and her body so weak that she could not live much longer unless something was done for her quickly, I promised the Lord that I would write a testimony to the *Evangelist* if He would only heal her. Today, she is a healed girl. Thank the Lord for His great healing power!

—A. M. K.



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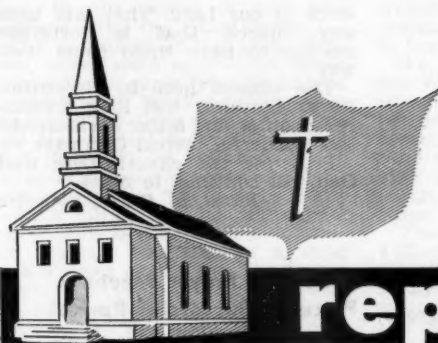
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## reports

### Home-coming at Sumiton

SUMITON, Ala. — To strive to make our best efforts just a little better should be the desire of every Christian worker. On Easter Sunday, the Sumiton Church of God, this being their annual home-coming Sunday, broke their long-standing record Sunday School attendance by setting a new record of 830 in Sunday School. Now the incentive of the Sumiton Church of God is to break this new record and perhaps this goal will soon be reached. When? It could be home-coming, 1960, or it could be sooner.

This home-coming day was indeed a day to long be remembered, a day looked forward to and planned for. Many former members and friends journeyed long distances to be in this spiritual feast; and on this day, they made plans to return again next year.

Brother D. A. Biggs, our able state overseer, introduced the speaker for the morning worship service, our own Brother Earl P. Paulk from Cleveland. Brother Paulk's message was certainly a soul-warming, soul-inspiring blessing to the great crowd. Music for the services was furnished by the Juleslairs Quartet, the Gospel Clefts Quartet and many more special singers.

There were special services for the children in the Beginner and Junior Departments. At noon a basket lunch was served on the church grounds and the afternoon was filled with wonderful singing.

Among the visitors were such notables as Honorable McDonald Gallion, Attorney General for the State of Alabama; Mr. Gallion was guest teacher for the young married people's class. Also Judge Ray Mayhall, Probate Judge of Walker County, Mayor Lester Walker and Probate Judge Nelson Allen.

These and many more are the reasons why people want to come to Sumiton Church of God; and Brother John Dement, pastor, says visitors are welcome every Sunday.

—Jerry Dodd, reporter

### Texas Regional Youth Convention

WEATHERFORD, Tex.—“One of the best I have ever attended.” “Wasn't it a good one.” Remarks such as these were heard about the Regional Youth Congress held at Convention Hall in Mineral Wells, Texas, February 5-7.

The opening night, Thursday, February 5, we were welcomed by the Mayor of Mineral Wells, the Honorable C. K. David. The spirit of the welcome to the delegates as the Mayor tried to help them feel Mineral Wells was “their home away from home,” while the convention was going on. I feel sure it is one of the reasons the Congress returned to that city.

The visual, “Once Upon a Sunday Morning,” presented by the Weatherford Church of God under the direction of Sister Deal, showed by the smoothness of presentation much practice by those who participated in it. After the visual, we had a message by our National Director, Brother Polen, “More Power Through the Sunday School.”

On Friday morning the institutes and workshops began. It was a hard task to know which to attend, as one wished he could go to all of them. The institute, “Keeping the Sunday School Alive,” was taught by Brother Polen, and lectures were given by Irma Williams, Bernice Stout, Mrs. J. H. Walker, Sr., Cecil Bridges, A. T. Humphries, R. L. Platt and M. G. Swart.

The Friday afternoon attendants were taken on “A Tour Through Sunday School Land,” by Lewis Willis, Director of Sunday School and Youth Literature. This was a new feature at the Regionals and covered all of the Sunday School literature.

At 2:45 p.m. everyone adjourned to the next institute and workshop. Cecil Knight, Assistant National Director, taught the institute, “The Church Provides for Its Youth.” The following persons gave lectures: E. C. Thomas, P. H. McCarn,

Irma Williams, J. H. Walker, and C. W. Collins.

The night service opened with good convention singing under the able direction of Edward L. Williams. A great feature of the convention was our Lee College quartet. Professor Humphries and the boys blessed our souls as they sang.

The visual, “Will the Circle Be Unbroken?” was presented by the Fort Worth and Hurst Churches. This, too, showed much practice and earnest dedication by those who took part. The message by Brother H. D. Williams, Assistant General Overseer, was a challenge to each family to show “More Power Through the Home.”

Saturday, and the last day of activities, started with a panel of General Church Department Heads on “Workers Together.” Brother Williams was the chairman for this panel.

Again it was time to attend the institute and workshops. Lectures were given by Alice Josephsen, G. W. Hodges, Newel Crouch, Aubrey Mitchell, Lewis J. Willis, Bernice Stout and E. C. Thomas.

The afternoon service brought the last of the institutes and workshops by Robert White, Edward L. Williams, James Madison, Mauldin Ray, T. R. Morse, H. D. Williams and Bernice Stout.

Mineral Wells Church presented the visual, “Let There Be Light,” under the able direction of Brother Burns. The message by Samuel O'Toole, “More Power Through Youth,” made one wish he were just starting in the race with the opportunities of youth before him in the work of God and the church.

In spite of the fact that other of the States decided to attend other Congresses the youth leaders thought this one well attended.

A great deal of time and effort by Brother McCarn, overseer of Southeast Texas, Brother Collins, overseer of Northwest Texas, the two Youth Directors, Mac Symes and Robert White, as well as the various committee members who served made the meeting the success it was.

—Reporter

### Attendance Records Broken

ARLINGTON, Texas — The Church of God in Arlington, Texas, is proud to report that all previous attendance records were broken in April, 1959. The records were again broken in May, 1959. Also, the month's average for the Sunday School for May, 1959, was well above all previous attendance records since the church was built.

—N. R. Lippard, reporter



# revivals



## Wonderful Revival at Jesup

JESUP, Ga.—The Jesup, Georgia Church of God closed a successful revival May 10 in which 28 were saved, 4 received the Baptism and 8 new members were added to the church.

The church was also greatly revived and blessed spiritually through the capable and anointed ministry of Rev. and Mrs. Allen Keil. The glorious message of salvation was made real through their singing and through Brother Keil's timely messages. Both are talented musicians and have dedicated their lives to Christ. Christ is honoring their efforts for Him. We humbly thank God for His blessings in the revival and for the way He has been blessing in our local church with Rev. W. E. Wright as pastor. Brother and Sister Wright are loved and appreciated by the members as well as friends of the church.

In addition to the regular evangelistic services, Brother Keil conducted a personal soul-winner's course for all persons interested in becoming more effective witnesses for Christ. The course was beneficial to our church.

—Aletha Vaughan, reporter

## Best Revival in Several Years

TOCCOA, Ga.—We have just closed a great revival at the Toccoa Church of God, the best in several years. We had 8 saved, 3 sanctified, 3 baptized with the Holy Ghost and 1 baptized in water. The church was wonderfully blessed. Brother Weaver, the evangelist, will be a blessing to any church. If good gospel preaching and singing anointed by the Holy Ghost will help your church, you should have Brother Weaver. Pray for our church here at Toccoa.

—Frank Graham, reporter

## God Blesses at Ruffing, S. C.

RUFFING, S. C.—The Heyward Church of God just closed a revival with the evangelist, Sister Mattie Lovett. There were 8 saved,

3 sanctified, and 1 was baptized with the Holy Ghost.

Sister Lovett will be a great blessing to any church.

—Leon T. Smoud, pastor

## Sinners Saved; Saints Revived

BARBOURVILLE, Ky.—We have just closed a wonderful revival here at Barbourville with Sister Leslie from Salem, Indiana, as our evangelist. Two were saved, and several were in the altar seeking the Holy Ghost.

On Friday night before the close of our revival, we had the sacrament and feet washing service. God came down in a wonderful way that night. You could not visualize that service unless you were there. One sister even shouted over the floor with a pan of water in her hand.

The revival closed with all the saints being greatly revived and such a wonderful bond of unity and brotherly love among us. We thank God for these services.

—Mrs. Esther Cadle, reporter

## Greatest Revival in Many Years

GREENVILLE, N. C.—We have just closed the greatest revival the Church of God here in Greenville, North Carolina, has had in many years. The evangelist was Rev. James Poe Jackson from Tennessee.

From the very first night through the closing night the Spirit and the power of God was in our midst in an exceptional way. There were 75 saved, 25 sanctified, 15 filled with the Holy Ghost and 14 added to the church. Many were also healed.

The attendance was exceptionally good. The church was filled almost to capacity every night; and on the closing night, it was filled beyond its capacity, with approximately 500 in attendance. Some could not even get inside the church.

Brother and Sister Jackson are dedicated and consecrated to the

work of our Lord. They will bless any church that is fortunate enough to have them come their way.

The church here in Greenville, North Carolina, will long remember Brother and Sister Jackson and the wonderful revival God gave us.

Pray for the church here that God will continue to bless.

—Hazel L. Baker, reporter

## All Night Prayer Meetings Precedes Successful Revival

PRINCETON, W. Va.—We are glad to report an old time revival, with the renewing of our saints and the saving of souls. There were 10 saved, 18 sanctified, 18 filled with the Holy Ghost, 7 added to the church and 9 baptized in water. It was a blessing to have Brother C. E. Richards of Birmingham, Alabama, as our evangelist.

Much of the success of this revival was due to our good praying saints. We had prayer meetings and some all-night prayer meetings for about two weeks before the beginning of the revival. We are so pleased to have as our pastor, Rev. Earl P. King and his good wife. They are a blessing to our people. We expect to go forward in the work of God.

—Mrs. Clayton Riffe, reporter

## T. L. Lowery Crusade Tremendous Success

COLUMBIA, S. C.—Reverend T. L. Lowery's Crusade brought to the Full Gospel churches of Columbia the greatest spiritual awakening since the Oral Roberts' Crusade of 1950. Brother Lowery was not well known in this area; and at first, some were skeptical. But after the first two nights under the big gospel tent, it seemed that every heart was melted together as one. Denominational barriers were forgotten. The co-operating ministers of the Churches of God, the Assemblies of God, and the Pentecostal Holiness Churches all agreed that his messages were anointed of God and without compromise.

Our hearts were thrilled each night as we saw the manifestation of God's power and Spirit in such a mighty way as Brother Lowery ministered to the people, and prayed for those afflicted in body. Truly, I never have seen a man used so mightily of God in bringing the message of deliverance for both soul and body. Sinners, backsliders, cold and lukewarm church members rushed to the altar by the hundreds. One night many were



slain by the power of God and baptized with the Holy Ghost.

The last night of this great Crusade, there were more than three hundred who came forward to seek the Lord when Brother Lowery gave the invitation. Only eternity will reveal the exact results, but we feel that it would be conservative to say several hundred received a definite experience. There were many definite miracles of healing experienced. One of the many outstanding healings was that of a child with a brace on his leg. The father of the child removed the brace and the child walked unaided.

We regret this campaign had to come to an end. The last night of the Crusade the tent was not large enough to accommodate the great mass of people. Brother Lowery and his co-workers (Brother Herb Winegar and his mother) won the hearts of the people of Columbia. The people extended to them an invitation to return to Columbia for another Crusade by a standing vote that was unanimous.

We heartily recommend Brother Lowery's ministry to anyone anywhere.

—Rev. L. C. Caldwell  
(Secretary of the Columbia Crusade)

Rev. Bobby Ross (Chairman)

#### Church Grows; S. S. Record Broken

AURORA, Ill.—We truly praise the Lord, Who has so graciously blessed us here in Aurora, Illinois. We began a revival April 6 which lasted 3 weeks. There were 15 saved, 6 sanctified, 6 baptized with the Holy Ghost, and 9 added to the church. We also broke our Sunday School record the last Sunday of the revival. Rev. D. F. Hart was our evangelist.

Brother Hart has been a member of the church here for almost a year and has really been a blessing to us. He and Sister Hart, who is also a wonderful worker, will be leaving us to again go into full time gospel work in July. We feel sure the Lord's blessings will continue to follow these consecrated people.

—Edna Miller, pastor

#### Great Spiritual Feast at Lincoln Center

LINCOLN CENTER, Me.—March 8 to 26 was a blessed time at Lincoln Center. Truly, these were days of feasting. Yes, feasting on the greatest food in the world, the Word of God.

Brother Ralph Christiansen was the evangelist for these special revival services; and as he preached from night to night under the anointing of the Holy Ghost, our souls were wonderfully fed and we

seemed to be lifted up into new realms and made to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

We certainly realized anew that the Word of God is quick (alive) and powerful and sharper than a two-edged sword as it seemed to go deeper into hearts, doing a work that will be lasting and will not blow away with the first wind of temptation that blows against these souls.

There were 4 saved, 4 sanctified, 4 filled with the baptism of the Holy Ghost and 1 united with the church. Many others were spiritually strengthened and encouraged. We feel that this revival will be long remembered by the Church of God at Lincoln Center, and are looking forward to the time when Brother Christiansen can be with us again.

—James T. Murray, pastor

#### Most Outstanding Revival in History of Church

WETUMPKA, Ala.—The Wetumpka Church of God just closed the most outstanding revival in the history of the church. Forty-one souls were saved, 22 sanctified, 15 were filled with the Holy Ghost, 26 were added to the church and 13 were baptized in water. Rev. Troy Perry, Jr., of Mobile, Alabama, was the evangelist.

Brother Perry prayed for the sick each week and many testified to the healing power of God. God met with us in every service. Many nights the altar was filled without any preaching.

We thank God for sending Brother Perry our way.

—Bobbie Hall, reporter

#### Fort Lauderdale Blessed in Lowery Campaign

FT. LAUDERDALE, Fla.—On February 22, Rev. T. L. Lowery began a revival in our church which continued through Sunday, March 1. From the very first service, we were made to feel that God was in our midst to pour out His Spirit in a mighty way. Night after night as Brother Lowery preached, greatly anointed by the Holy Ghost, conviction seized the hearts of sinners and backsliders, bringing them to an altar of prayer. Christians were wonderfully touched of God by the straightforward, old-time Bible preaching of Brother Lowery.

God also used this man of God in an outstanding manner as he ministered to the sick and suffering. Numerous, definite healings took place in these services.

The last Sunday afternoon, I witnessed something that I had never seen before, as eighty-two persons came forward to be baptized in

water. Many of those baptized had already been saved and had been baptized before, but it was glorious to see the Spirit of God move upon those who came forth for baptism who had not come expecting to be baptized. Sunday night, fifteen united with the church.

We were unable to keep an accurate record of the number receiving definite experiences from God, but I am sure scores of people received real experiences of salvation, sanctification, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Only eternity will reveal the wonderful good that was accomplished in this great revival.

A hearty welcome is extended to Brother Lowery to return to Fort Lauderdale again. I would like also to mention that the songs of Brother Herbert Winegar were a great blessing to our hearts. Brother Winegar has his heart and soul in this great ministry, along with Brother Lowery, which makes a tremendous contribution to the services.

We continued this revival for three weeks with Sister Irene Hillhouse. We baptized eleven more in water and received five adults into the church.

—Paul S. Shoemaker, pastor

#### Soul-stirring, Heaven-sent Revival at Middletown

MIDDLETOWN, Ohio—The Clayton Street Church at Middletown, Ohio, has just closed a wonderful, soul-stirring, heaven-sent revival with Brother C. B. Donohue from Chattanooga, Tennessee, as the evangelist.

The meeting ran for 3½ weeks with 33 saved, 11 sanctified and 11 filled with the Holy Ghost. Also, 27 were baptized in water and 32 were added to the church.

The Middletown Church has been greatly blessed to have Brother Donohue here in this revival. The church, along with our pastor, Brother H. C. Jenkins, will long remember Brother Donohue and his stirring Bible messages.

A word of appreciation for our pastor, Brother Jenkins—He has been a great blessing to the church since coming here last September. The church has progressed in all departments. New people have been added to our congregation; the Sunday School has grown; the young people have been stirred to witness to others which has promoted the growth of the Youth Department. It remains to be seen just what God will do for us here if we continue to work and pray as we have in the past few months.

—Reporter



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